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## TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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### TRIBAL COUNCIL HITS THE HILL



L to R: Councilor Nelson, Councilor Padgette, Councilor Giovannetti, Councilor Richards, Executive Director Troy Ralstin, Councilor Miller, Chief Governance Officer Briannon Fraley, Councilor Thompson, Councilor McCallum

**Washington, DC-** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council traveled to Washington DC in March to meet with members of Congress from Oregon and California, and Congressional staff, to advocate for equal treatment under the law and additional funding for the Tribe. The Council raised a number of issues during three days of meetings, including safety on the US Highway 101 corridor, the 2020 Census, equitable funding for health care, funding for management of trust resources, funding for housing, forestry management and Head Start.

In addition to meetings on Capitol Hill, the Tribal Council met with key government agencies to discuss issues impacting all Tolowa citizens, including Housing, Education, Trust and Natural Resources. The Tribal Council met with Housing and Urban Development, more commonly known as HUD, the Office of Head Start, the Bureau of Indian Education, the Office of Self-Governance, Office of Trust Services, the Office of Trust Evaluation and the US Forest Service. This is a summary of those discussions:

**Safety on the US Highway 101 Corridor:** The Council expressed its concern about safety within the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's reservation community particularly the impact of US Highway 101 and the need to increase safety on the 101 corridor, and asked for support on an upcoming federal funding application to re-engineer the Highway when approaching the Reservation.

**2020 Census:** The Council gauged the temperature of the Senators and Representatives on 2020 Census issues within their constituency and expressed the need for all Tolowa citizens to be counted. The Tribal Council thanked Congressman Huffman for taking action to ensure that Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Members will be counted for in the 2020 census, including sending a letter to the US Census Bureau calling out the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation as a prime example of complexities in the census in Indian Country.

**Funding for Management of Trust Resources:** The Council has been working closely with members of the Oregon and California Congressional delegation to obtain funding for trust resource management, more specifically the Tribe's Fishery Program. The California Senators, in particular, have been strong supporters of the Tribe's efforts to sustain a Fisheries Program that not only benefits the Tribe, but also the broader community. This Effort has also been supported by the Del Norte Board of Supervisors, Congressman Huffman and the local community.

**Equitable Funding for Health Care:** The Council has teamed up with other Indian organizations in an effort to change the way health care dollars are distributed by Indian Health Service and that would result in an increase of health care dollars to the entire west coast including Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. This effort to gain equitable funding for 638 contract tribes (all tribes on the west coast) would improve access to affordable and quality health care to all Native Americans within our region.

**Funding for Housing:** The Council met with the HUD leadership team to ask questions about regulations and discuss way to leverage resources. Based on this meeting, the Council will be exploring how the Tribe can maximize tribal housing program dollars by leveraging other HUD related programs moving forward. The HUD team was impressed with the Tribe's priorities in providing safe, affordable, and culturally relevant housing to our community members and are interested in sharing our story at their agency headquarters in Washington DC.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
**TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DIESEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**  
**See information inside.**

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**Head Start:** Sweeping praise was given to our Head Start staff by officials at the Office of Head Start, who provided assurances that under the Council's leadership, the Tribe is on the right path to enter into a new five-year non-competitive award from the Office of Head Start. We discussed the community assessments and how we establish slots for enrollment. With the Tribe's kick off of the first ever Tribal Census, we will be able to regularly track families and establish need for enrollment slots resulting in an increase in funding based on population size and need.

**Office of Self-Governance:** Included in these meetings were the Office of Trust Services, The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. As a Self-Governance Tribe we have compacted Programs, Services, Functions and Activities that were a one point administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The Tribe's Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) education funding flows through the Tribe's Self-Governance Compact, even though Congress appropriates the JOM monies to BIE. Great news was shared by the BIE that with the passage of the Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act of 2018, the BIE is ordered to do a recount of students. The last JOM student count was from 1995,

and we have been funded at the 1995 level for over twenty years, with this passage out JOM student programming dollars has the potential to increase by 900%. Other areas of discussion included trust programming and evaluation, particularity of the Tribe's Fisheries Program. We were notified that in 2021 the Tribe will be evaluated by the Office of Trust Review & Audit, specifically for our Fisheries Program. This review will include an onsite visit with interviews and audit of documents related to the management of trust programs.

In summary, the meetings provided valuable insights on issues our Tribe faces, as well as learned about opportunities for tribal flourishing. With the information gained the Tribe will advocate for increases in programmatic areas based on tribal need and seek funding for sustainable growth. Next steps include the development of a plan of action and next steps to maximize and leverage the information that was exchanged and direct staff to implement the priorities identified from their work in Washington DC.



Tribal Council meeting with Congressman Jared Huffman (center).

*Submitted by Briannon Fraley, Chief Governance Officer  
Office of Self-Governance*

## General Membership Meeting Postponed Rescheduled for April 4, 2020

After careful consideration of recent Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments, and to protect the health and welfare of Tribal members, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council, with Constitutional authorities under Article IV, Section 1.a., has decided to postpone the General Membership Meeting until April 4, 2020.

Because the Coronavirus can be spread when people with the virus have close, sustained contact with people who are not infected, social distancing will be applied at the General Membership Meeting.

Tribal members wishing to give public comment or nominate eligible Tribal members in-person at the General Membership Meeting will be able to do so in a staggered manner.

Tribal members also have the option to submit nominations in writing. Written nominations must clearly indicate your name and the nominee's name.

Written nominations may be dropped off at the Tribal Office at 140 Rowdy Creek Rd in Smith River, CA 95567 or mailed to the same address prior to 5:00 pm on April 3, 2020. (Mailed nominations must be received by 5:00 pm on April 3, 2020.)



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## ATTENTION GRADUATES:

Are you or a family member graduating in 2020 from eighth grade, high school or college? If so, contact the Education Department to be added to the list of graduates to be honored.

### Education Department

**(707) 487-9255 ext. 1190**

**or email**

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## Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

**Education Committee Meeting 5pm**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino

**Indian Child Welfare Committee Meeting**  
Community and Family Services (ing)

**Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm**  
Howonquet (Xaa-wan')

**Natural Resources & Har**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' Meeting 5pm

**Waa-tr'vslh-'a~**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' Meeting 5pm

**Enrollment**  
K... (Closed Meeting) 1pm

**Ho**  
... @ Lucky 7 Casino

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... Meeting 5:30pm (dinner at 5:00pm)  
... (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Hall Community Center

**All Regularly scheduled tribal committee and Regular Tribal Council meetings are canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.

# TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION RESPONSE TO COVID-19



## Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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### RESOLUTION 2020-19

#### DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ADOPTED: March 19, 2020

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY:** A resolution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council, Smith River, California declaring the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation in a State of Emergency due to the global Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The Nation is mobilizing staff and resources to protect its citizens from the widely recognized threat posed by this highly infectious pathogen.

**Whereas,** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in the Pacific Northwest and organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation that was duly adopted by the members of the Nation; and

**Whereas,** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Nation with the Constitutional duties and responsibilities to preserve, protect, and promote the best interests of the Nation; and

**Whereas,** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is committed to protecting life, property, environment, and culture within Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Area of Responsibility; and

**Whereas,** The President of the United States, the Governor of California and many other municipalities have issued emergency declarations in response to the COVID-19 crisis, identifying the outbreak as exigent risk to humans, the natural environment and the economy; and

**Whereas,** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is in imminent danger of being negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The predicted arrival of the COVID-19 in Tolowa territory threatens the health of Tribal citizens, many of whom are highly vulnerable to viral illnesses as a result of health disparities in the United States; and

**Whereas,** The COVID-19 virus not only jeopardizes the health of citizens of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, but also has the potential to compromise the Tribal Government's ability to provide several important services and programs, if revenue from the Nation's business enterprises and other business interests decline or halt as a result of decreased patronage or closure in the event of recommendations or mandates originating from other governments with jurisdiction over such matters; and

**Whereas,** Compared to the national average, Tribal communities are twice as likely to encounter a respiratory illness, one and a half times more susceptible to heart disease and three times as likely to develop diabetes; and

**Whereas,** People with compromised immune systems, including the elderly and individuals with underlying health conditions, are particularly susceptible to the virus; and

**Whereas,** The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation will coordinate with Tribal, local, state and federal agencies as well as healthcare providers and emergency responders to address the oncoming COVID-outbreak; and

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**Whereas,** In late 2019, the first COVID-19 case was detected in Wuhan City in China's Hubei Province. To date, the virus has spread to 152 countries as infection rates continue to escalate in North America; and

**Whereas,** The threat is expected to continue for an unknown period of time and may overwhelm the response capabilities of local emergency services and/or other public agencies involved with mitigating the emergency; and

**Whereas,** That the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is in a State of Emergency due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated; and

**Whereas,** Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("Stafford Act"), 42 U.S.C. Sec 5121, et seq., as amended, affords Tribes the ability to directly request emergency aid if the Tribe has a FEMA-approved emergency plan, and in addition, Tribes may also ask the United States President for an emergency declaration and can ask the governor of the state the Tribe is located to include the Tribe in its emergency proclamation; and,

**Now therefore be it resolved,** That the Tribal Council of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation does hereby adopt this resolution, and that the Chairperson and Secretary of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council are hereby authorized to sign this resolution and any and all other documents which are necessary to effectuate the intents and purposes of this resolution.

**Be it further resolved,** That the Nation, by and through emergency processes, may take actions to extend, modify or terminate agreements as necessary to protect the interests of the Nation.

**Be it further resolved,** That the Nation is authorized to take extraordinary measures to respond to this emergency and the Tribe will seek state and federal aid for any necessary actions required in the crisis response.

**Be it further resolved,** That the Nation calls on the Governor of the State of California to include all federally recognized Tribes located in California ("California Tribes") in any State of California declarations of emergency on COVID-19, and further to include all such California Tribes in any request for disaster relief assistance from the federal government as for the State of California.

**Be it further resolved,** That the Nation makes this declaration of emergency as COVID-19 for the period of the date of this declaration until further action by the Tribal Council and to provide a more comprehensive plan to address these issues.

*Denise Richards-Padgett* 3-19-20  
Denise Richards-Padgett Date  
Council Chairperson

*Leann McCallum* 3-19-20  
Leann McCallum Date  
Council Secretary

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council held on the 19th day of March 2020 in Smith River, California, at which 7 Tribal Council members were present to constitute a quorum, by a vote of 6 **For**, 0 **Opposed**, 1 **Abstentions** and 0 **Absent**, and shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded.

*Leann McCallum* 3-19-20  
Leann McCallum, Council Secretary Date

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation  
Resolution 2020-19  
Adopted March 19, 2020

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## The following Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation sponsored events or activities have been cancelled and/ or postponed:

### Administration Office

- General Membership Meeting – Postponed to April 4<sup>th</sup>
- All Regular Session Tribal Council meetings – Cancelled until further notice
- All Committee and Board meetings – Cancelled until further notice

### Community and Family Services Department

- Youth Spring Activities March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled
- Youth Spring Activities April 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled
- Spring Children's Party (Easter Party) April 4<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled

### Howonquet Early Learning Program Center (head start and day care)

- HELP Center will be closed March 16<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>
- All field trips and site visits after April 17<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled until further notice

### Natural Resources Department

- Scotch Broom Bash March 28<sup>th</sup> – Pending cancellation

### Records and Enrollment Office

- Census Day April 1<sup>st</sup> – Postponed, date not identified

### Howonquet Hall Community Center and Senior Nutrition Site

- Howonquet Hall Community Center **will not** be open to public use until further notice
- Senior Nutrition Site will be operating for food delivery only

# TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION RESPONSE TO COVID-19



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: March 13, 2020

Contact: Briannon Fraley, (707) 487-9255 x 1125

### THE TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT COVID-19 TRANSMISSION IN THE REGION

Smith River, CA – In response to the global COVID-19 (Corona) pandemic, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (Nation) is proactively taking precautionary steps to protect its employees and the community it serves.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we are implementing several measures to ensure the safety of our staff and the community," said Denise Richards-Padgett, the Chairperson of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. "Even though there have been no confirmed, COVID-19 cases in our area, this coordinated effort will continue until the public health risk is resolved."

While the Tribal government will remain open during normal business hours, all large meetings and social events have been rescheduled. Most notably, the Nation moved its Annual General Membership Meeting from Saturday, March 21, 2020 to Saturday, April 4, 2020.

In addition to delaying large gatherings, the Nation is implementing the following actions to minimize the potential for a COVID-19 outbreak in Del Norte and Curry Counties:

- Work travel is prohibited for all Tribal employees
- All social gatherings are postponed until further notice
- Increased cleaning and disinfection is occurring at all tribal facilities
- All Tribal Committee meetings are postponed until further notice
- All employees are required to practice relevant precautionary protocols

The measures the Nation is implementing are consistent with recommendations from the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Del Norte County, the location of the Nation's headquarters. To prevent the virus from becoming established in the region, public health officials are asking the community to take specific precautions limiting the possibility of individuals' contracting the disease.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following precautionary measures:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are sick
- Disinfect commonly used surfaces, such as doorknobs, countertops and light switches
- Avoid contact with people who are sick



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: March 15, 2020

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### THE TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT COVID-19 TRANSMISSION IN THE REGION AND HAS VOTED TO CLOSE THE TRIBALLY RAN HEAD START AND PRESCHOOL UNTIL APRIL 10, 2020.

Smith River, CA – In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is proactively taking precautionary steps to protect its employees, students and the community it serves.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we have taken precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our staff and students are protected," said Denise Richards-Padgett, the Chairperson of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. "Even though there have been no confirmed, COVID-19 cases in our area, we felt it was in the best interest of our tribal families and the broader community that we take proactive measures to flatten the curve and reduce the risk of exposure of the COVID-19 virus."

In response to the decisions that have been made within the region to protect our children, the Tribal Council conducted an emergency poll vote this afternoon and voted to close the tribally ran Head Start facilities. The vote was in step with the Del Norte County School Board's decision to close schools effective Monday, March 16, 2020 to April 10, 2020. Spring Break is scheduled for the week of April 13-17, 2020.

The Tribal Council has called an emergency meeting for March 16, 2020 to come up with a plan of action to address the impact of their decision on families and employees.

Head Start Program Manager, Tarra Kleiser stated "Head Start will provide meals and education materials to ensure continuity of program services. Families can elect to pick-up meals and packets from the school twice per week or have them delivered by staff. Contact the Howonquet Head Start program staff at (707) 487-1113 for questions and to sign up for meal delivery."

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With over 1,800 tribal citizens, and more than 36 programs, the Tribe has been the awardee of a successful Head Start Program for over 20 years. The tribally ran Head Start and Tribal Preschool serves over 40 families from Del Norte and Curry Counties.

## Nation implements Emergency Operations Plan

### Tribal offices closed, government services available by phone

Smith River, CA – The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is working creatively to ensure Tribal citizens continue to have access to government services during the global COVID-19 crisis.

The Tribal Council issued a state of emergency declaration on Thursday, March 19. All Tribal buildings have been closed to the public for the next two weeks as a precautionary measure. During this time period, Tribal government services will only be available by phone from Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Service providers can be reached at (707) 487-9255. The two-week timeframe will be reevaluated next week to determine the most prudent course of action.

The Nation is providing regular updates to Tribal citizens and the general public via social media, the website and a phone service called One Call Now.

**For additional information about Tribal services, please call (707) 487-9255.**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: March 20, 2020

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### THE TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL TEMPORARILY CLOSES LUCKY 7 CASINO

Smith River, CA –Today, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council temporarily closed the Lucky 7 Casino to the general public. The temporary closure aims to protect to the health and wellbeing of patrons and staff at the Lucky 7 Casino, House of Howonquet and the Club 7 Sports Bar during the global COVID-19 crisis. The Howonquet Lodge and Fuel Mart will remain open at this time as they are deemed essential services.

While there have been no confirmed coronavirus cases anywhere near any of the Nation's enterprises, the Tribal Council is taking every precaution in terms of preventing the transmission of the disease. The Nation is coordinating with the Governor's Office, the Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services as well as the state and federal agencies engaged in mitigating the transmission of the disease and will continue to do so throughout the duration of the crisis.

"We are going to great lengths to protect the health and wellbeing of our patrons, personnel and the greater community," said John Scott, the Lucky 7 Casino's General Manager.

The Lucky 7 Casino will implement a two week temporary closure of the gaming operations, restaurant and bar. This closure went into effect at 10 AM this morning, and will consider re-opening Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.

"We will continue to monitor the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and adjust our operational needs as the crisis progresses," said Denise Richards-Padgett Chairperson of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.

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The Nation's businesses employ 290 local residents and contribute much to the regional economy. Nearly half of the employees are involved in work that directly supports the community, such as providing social services and running the drinking water system in the Smith River area. These services benefit many Tribal and non-Tribal families in Del Norte and Curry Counties.



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: March 24, 2020

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### THE TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION IMPLEMENTS PLAN TO MAINTAIN HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

Smith River, CA – The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is working creatively to ensure Tribal citizens continue to have access to government services during the global COVID-19 crisis.

"We are modifying our procedures to keep our community and staff safe, while ensuring the continuity of our operations." Said Denise Richards-Padgett, the Chairperson of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council.

For the next two weeks, temporary business hours have been established. All Tribal buildings will be closed to the public. Services will be accessible Monday through Thursday 8-5 by calling (707) 487-9255. Crisis services for domestic violence through the Shu'-aa-xuu-dvn Program will remain a 24/7 service. Tribal service providers can also be reached by email. All contacts can be found at [tolowa-nsn.gov](http://tolowa-nsn.gov). This time frame is based on California Governor Gavin Newsom's stay-in-place order to prevent the spread of the virus. Service recipients are asked to follow the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation to maintain a six-feet of personal space.

To mobilize Tribal staff and resources toward addressing the predicted near and far term impacts of the global pandemic, the Tribal Council issued a state of emergency declaration on Thursday, March 19. The following day all Tribal offices were closed to the public to protect the health of Tribal citizens and staff. Tribal personnel are practicing social distancing and taking advantage of digital communication tools, such as teleconferencing, to maintain a healthy and productive work environment. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Tribal Government is functioning near its full capacity and is working under an Emergency Operations Plan. The plan serves as the foundation of the Nation's multi-pronged effort to anticipate and overcome any adverse, local issues that may arise as a result of the worldwide crisis.

At present, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the local area. The Nation has postponed all large social events, including the Annual Tribal Membership Meeting. For the purpose of preventing a large number of people from gathering in close proximity, a scaled down version of the yearly meeting is happening on Saturday, April 4. Additionally, the in-classroom component of the Howonquet Head Start is suspended until April 10. Head Start staff are still providing homework packets and meals to all students.

The Tribal Council and Tribal Government personnel are working day and night to make certain the Nation remains strong during and after this unparalleled pandemic.

The Incident Command team that will deploy regular notices to Tribal Citizens, and the general public during this time of crisis via social media, the website, and a phone service called One Call Now. **For additional information about Tribal services, please call (707) 487-9255.**

## KEY INFORMATION

**WHO:** Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

**WHAT:** Tribal services available by phone

**WHEN:** 8am to 5pm - Mon. thru Thurs.

**WHERE:** Offices closed to public

**Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation • Phone: 707-487-9255 • Website: [Tolowa.nsn.gov](http://Tolowa.nsn.gov) • Social Media: @tolowadeeni**

# COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-February 2020

February 6, 2020 Special Meeting—All Councilors present  
February 13, 2020 Executive Meeting—Councilors Thompson and Giovannetti—absent  
February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting—Councilor Giovannetti—absent  
February 20, 2020 Special Meeting—Councilor Nelson—California Fish & Game Commission Meeting; Councilor McCallum—absent  
February 27, 2020 Executive Meeting—All Councilors present  
February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting—Councilor Miller—Del Norte County Fair Board Meeting

**M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 4-0-1 Motion to continue scholarships through Del Norte Scholarship Foundation for 2020 honoring Murray Richards, Bernice Humphrey, and Marian Lopez, at \$500 each**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant Proposal FY2020, adding indirect costs if allowable**

`Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Nelson/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve submission of proposal to fund purchase of sonar counting equipment by the Natural Resources Department to NOAA/NMFS Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve submission of proposal to fund staff time for adult salmon and pinniped enumeration on Smith River by Natural Resources Department to BIA Resilience Fund**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 5-0-1 Motion to approve submission of proposal to fund operation and maintenance costs for marine buoys by Natural Resources Department to BIA Resilience Fund**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Standing Committee Policy, with changes as discussed**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Nelson/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) mini-grant application**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve committee recommendation to add Andromeda Lopez to the Election Board as alternate board member**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to move five membership applications forward for approval**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve 2020 Council nominee packet with changes as discussed, forwarding to the Election Board, and a final review by Tribal Council**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Native People Count Event scholarship application for U.S. Census outreach**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Tribal Resource Technician-Marine job description, with change as discussed**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Richards) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Tribal Resource Specialist-Habitat & Wildlife job description, with changes as discussed**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Tribal Resource Specialist-Fisheries job description, with changes as discussed**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Education Technician job description**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-04; Election Board Members**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06; Membership Applications (9) correction to Resolution 2020-02**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 Membership Applications (4) correction to Resolution 2020-03**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09; Membership Applications (5)**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

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# COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-February 2020

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-05; Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant application**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve changes to TriCounties Bank authorized users, removing former CFO, Hank Shields, and allowing online access to current CFO, Jose Tercilla, and Fiscal Manager, Bonnie Anderson**

`Ay~: Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Thompson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve budget modification to Planning General Fund Budget 714, moving funds between line items, with no net change to overall budget**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 4-0-1 Motion to approve contract 2014-0971 with Rick Hill, in the amount of \$14,000, for Grant Development Services, to be paid out of Planning Department General Funds**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Richards) 4-0-1 Motion to approve applying for Tribal Youth Diversion Grant from Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 4-0-1 Motion to approve KVIQ annual advertising commitment at \$7,720**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Thompson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve amended Aristocrat game contract reducing lease from \$100 to \$85 per day**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve purchase of 2 Konami games at \$48,398**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 4-0-1 Motion to approve purchase of 6 Aristocrat games at \$114,720**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Richards/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve submission of Hiouchi Flat Trail Project budget to Redwood State and National Parks and pursuit of contract for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to build Hiouchi Flat Trail for a total not to exceed \$50,000**

`Ay~: Thompson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve submission of NAGPRA Repatriation Grant proposal**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve, and Chairperson sign, 3-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement in the amount of \$39,462**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve contract 2060-1972 for Judicial Services with April Erin Olson, Rothstein Donatelli LLP.**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve use of electronic signatures on checks at the discretion of Jose Tercilla, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), while Tribal Council is on travel for the tribe March 2-6, 2020**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign 2020 Indian Block Grant fund award acceptance**

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/McCallum) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign Referenced Funding Agreement for Tribal Transportation Funds**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Richards, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15; Family Violence Prevention Services Grant**

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Thompson/Nelson) 3-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-11; Indian Health Service/California Area Office (IHS/CAO) Voter delegation**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Nelson) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-16; Tribal Court Judge Appointment**

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Giovannetti    Duu: 0    Xwee-la: Padgette



Translation: `Ay~=Yes,    Duu=No,    Xwee-la=Abstain

## ATTENTION VETERANS

# TOLOWA COLOR GUARD

The Tolowa Dee-ni Nation is looking to create a list of interested Tolowa Veterans to participate in the development of a Tolowa Color Guard to represent the needs of our community when called upon. Having our own Color Guard will help honor our sovereignty.



Throughout the year we have many events that the guard would potentially perform at.

Some of those include:

- Veteran Funerals
- Dee-ni' Day
- Dee-ni' Night
- Cemetery Cleanup
- Veterans Dinner
- Annual General Membership Meeting

To register as a Color Guard member, or to request to be included as an active or retired veteran with the Enrollment Department, please call:

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Front Desk @ 707-487-9255

# HAWAI'I LEARNING EXCHANGE, FEBRUARY 5-9, 2020

Natural Resource staff Jaytuk Steinruck, Cyndi Ford, and Rosa Laucci were invited by Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) to participate in the annual gathering of Hui Mālama Loko I'a (Hui) - a network of over 45 traditional fishpond practitioners across 6 islands that have gathered since 2004 to share knowledge, leverage resources, and advance their collective movement. KUA recognizes that indigenous methods of aquaculture and mariculture exist around the world, therefore they have partnered with Sea Grant programs in Hawai'i, Washington, Alaska, and their partner tribes, to form an indigenous aquaculture "hub" across the Pacific region. Doing so opened this gathering up, for the first time, to those around the US and Canada and as far away as New Zealand & Micronesia.

This amazing opportunity presented to us by Scripps Institution of Oceanography and made possible through funding from Resource Legacy Fund, provided a once in a lifetime experience to learn from others doing similar work to restore and perpetuate their traditional practices. This gathering and ongoing collaboration within the hub will build solidarity around traditional aquaculture to lift up time-tested methods of feeding communities in sustainable, ecologically sound, and relational ways impacting overall community wellness.

By participating in this event, we received insight & first-hand experience into implementing traditional knowledge for habitat restoration and resource management on a landscape level - meaning everything is connected, from the mountains to the ocean. An additional tool to be implemented is how to apply traditional knowledge, not only through a historical lens, but to our environment today as a method of scientific data collection and observation. This event also established 11 contacts from Hawai'i, Alaska, Canada, and Washington for us who are either working on a variety of traditional resource management topics or connecting us with potential funding opportunities.

We wish to thank TDN for your support in our continued efforts in traditional resource management, Scripps for the introduction to KUA, KUA for the invitation, staff at Mālama Loko Ea for welcoming us on your land and allowing us to help restore your loko i'a (fishpond), and to our camp hosts at Paepae O' He'eia for welcoming us onto your land, sharing your culture, and allowing us to help restore kuapā (stone wall). We are incredibly grateful to all of you for this amazing opportunity, are blessed to have been a part of the Hui, and we hope to be invited back again.

Shu' shaa nin-la and Mahalo nui!

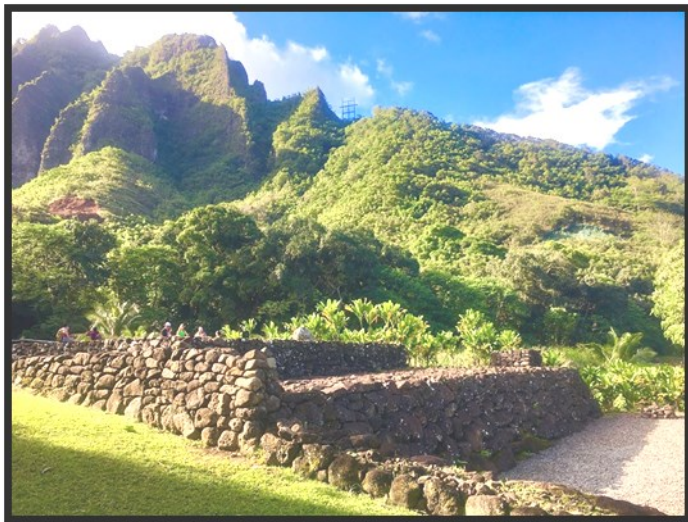
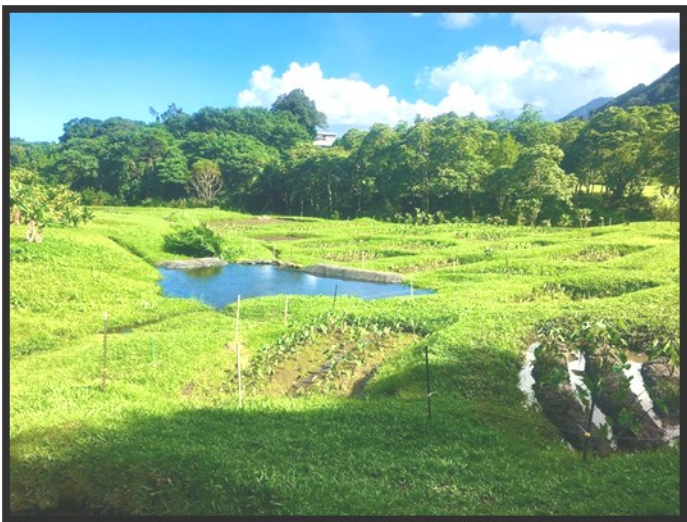


Paepae O' He'eia is an 88 acre fishpond where we helped help restore kuapā (stone wall) with the guidance from kia'i loko (fishpond guardians). This pond's outer wall has been standing for about 800 years and was restored in 2012. We helped restore the shore-side wall by dry-stacking rocks after invasive mangrove forests were removed. In addition, we assisted in the removal of an invasive seaweed.



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# HAWAI'I LEARNING EXCHANGE, FEBRUARY 5-9, 2020



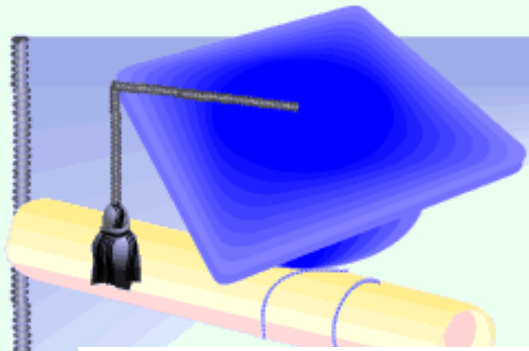
A visit to Papahana Kuaola at Waipao to see traditional cultivation of kalo (taro), and the connection from the top of the watershed to the fish pond/ ocean, and see stone walls. Also, the challenge of resource management with invasive wildlife.



Malama Loko E'a in Hale'iwa hosted a huaka'i (site visit) and work project around their 7 acre pond. We helped to clear out debris from the recent king tides and storms that accumulated around the gates. Then we were given a tour around the pond and a presentation on its restoration efforts and challenges, including water quality, invasive grass and sediment removal and landownership challenges.



# CONGRATULATIONS TRIBAL CITIZEN DANIKA SCOTT



Danika Scott is a Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation tribal member and a Senior at Del Norte High School. She has been on the varsity tennis team since 2016 and earned 2 white stars for taking 1st at the Humboldt Del Norte finals in her double and singles matches. She then went on to the North Coast Sections tournament where she took 4th in her doubles match.

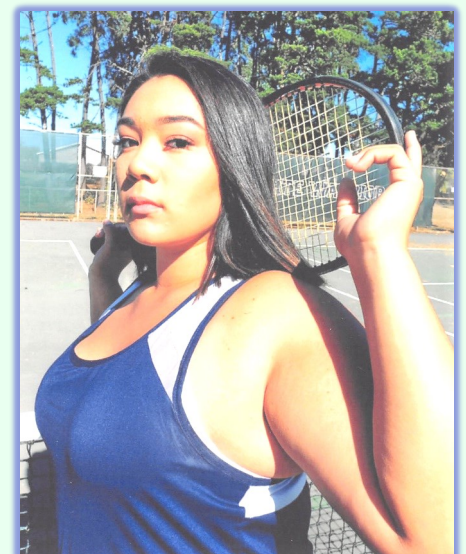
Danika played basketball her Freshman year on the Freshman team, and Sophomore year she was on the JV team. Junior year she threw discus and shot put for Track & Field.

She also wrestled with Del Norte's first ever girls wrestling team her Junior and Senior years, where she was also voted captain, paving the way for young women athletes of Del Norte County. During her wrestling time, she was a 2 time league champion, 2 time section placer, 2 time state qualifier, and a section champion who took top 12 in the state of California for heavyweight division. She earned 2 white stars at the Humboldt Del Norte finals for wrestling as well.

Danika is a very driven young woman not only in sports, but her schooling as well, and all of her hard work is paying off. She has earned the title "Student Athlete of the Week" several times, not only in Del Norte County, but in Humboldt County as well. She has been offered a scholarship to wrestle at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, Oregon, and is talking to several other coaches from all over the nation. Danika will be graduating in June of 2020 and hopes to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant.

Thank you for being such an inspiration to the youth of not only Del Norte, but surrounding counties as well. We can't wait to see what you can do in the years to come!

*With lots of love,  
Mom (Marjorie Scott)  
Aunt (Tahnee Scott)  
Grandmother (Cheryl Scott)*



# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES - TANF PROGRAM

## Has your income or job been affected by the Coronavirus Emergency?

### DIVERSION SERVICES

This program is for families that are experiencing a crisis situation, or episode of need that would cause the loss of regular full time employment. Families must be within 200% of the poverty guidelines for their household size. The goal of this program is to assist the family with a temporary need to keep them from being on regular TANF cash assistance. Families can't exceed the resource limitation of \$10,000 (savings, 401K, etc.). Families can apply for assistance once per year, the maximum amount that can be received is \$5,000 (maximum life time amount). Contact Community & Family Services for program eligibility requirements and available services.

### Example of Income Eligibility

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income*	Maximum Monthly Income
2	\$33,820	\$2,873
3	\$42,660	\$3,620
4	\$51,500	\$4,366

\*Based on 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

For more information or to apply for TANF Diversion services, please contact our office at (707) 487-9255 extension 1128 for an application or visit us at Sri'-srwvlh Mee-ne', 16299 Hwy 101 North, Smith River, CA.

# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES - CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

### You may qualify if:

- Child(ren) fit the definition of Indian child as outlined:  
**Del Norte and Humboldt Counties:** a child from 0- 13, who is an enrolled member of TDN **OR** a child from 0-13 years of an enrolled Tribal Citizen (by blood, court decree, or marriage)  
**Curry County:** a child from 0-13 of an enrolled tribal citizen of a federally recognized tribe **OR** a child (by blood, court decree, or marriage) of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
- Child(ren) resides with parent(s) who are working, attending a job training program, attending an educational program, looking for work (limited), or attending an intensive substance abuse program
- Your family falls within the income limits based on your family size

Contact Monica Calvillo at 707-487-9255  
ext. 1191 for more information



## Choosing and Protecting Passwords – Part 2

### Password Dos and Don'ts

Once you've come up with a strong, memorable password it's tempting to reuse it - don't! Reusing a password, even a strong one, endangers your accounts

just as much as using a weak password. If attackers guess your password, they would have access to all of your accounts. Use the following techniques to develop unique passwords for each of your accounts:

- Do use different passwords on different systems and accounts. Banking, Shopping, Bill Pay.
- Don't use passwords that are based on personal information. Birth dates, Graduation Dates.
- Do use the longest password or passphrase permissible by each password system
- Don't use words that can be found in any dictionary of any language. Even Tolowa language.
- Do develop mnemonics to remember complex passwords.
- Do consider using a password manager program to keep track of your passwords.

### How to protect your passwords

Now that you've chosen a password that's easy for you to remember, but difficult for others to guess, you have to make sure not to leave it someplace for people to find. Never write it down and leave on a sticky note next to your computer or under your keyboard! Don't tell anyone your passwords, and watch for attackers trying to trick you through phone calls or email messages requesting that you reveal your passwords.

Programs called password managers offer the option to create randomly generated passwords for all of your accounts. You then access those strong passwords with a master password. If you use a password manager, remember to use a strong master password.

Password problems can stem from your web browsers' ability to save passwords and your online sessions in memory. Never save your passwords through a web browser that is not on a computer you own. Consider seriously setting up two factor authentication (2FA) on as many of the web sites you use to access your personal information, your medical records, your data file storage and of course banking.

### **Don't forget security basics**

- Keep your operating system, browser, and other software up-to-date.
- Use and maintain anti-virus software and a firewall.
- Regularly scan your computer for spyware. (Some anti-virus programs incorporate spyware detection.)
- Use caution with email attachments and untrusted links.
- Watch for suspicious activity on your accounts.

**Keep your personal information safe and out of the hands of the cyber crooks out there!**



# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## **Higher Education Program (HEP):**

If any Tribal Citizen has family members that are incarcerated, no matter where, please tell them that they could be earning a degree while incarcerated. Most prisons have libraries and study rooms that are available for learning.

An estimated 11% of State inmates and 24% of Federal inmates obtain their college degrees while incarcerated. An incarcerated prisoner is eligible for the Second Chance Pell grant. This type of grant allows prisoners to seek financial assistance for their higher education costs while in prison. Within two years, they could earn their Associates degree.

If you would like the Education Department to mail your incarcerated person a scholarship packet, please contact Mattie Castellaw in the Education Department. 707-487-9255, ext. 1550 or [mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com](mailto:mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com)

**Announcement:** Every student must send in their semester/quarter grades no matter if you have graduated or are taking a break from school. If you do not submit your grades you could be liable for the funding that you received per Higher Education Policy and Procedures CFS-17-01; CFS-17-01 PR.

## **Tolowa Language Program:**

Dv-laa-ha~. The Wee-ya' (*language*) program has another beginner Tolowa class for Tribal Citizens, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation employees, and community members. There are two beginning classes. The first class will start April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:10-6:10 at Howonquet Hall classroom. The second class will start April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:10 -5:40 at Howonquet Hall classroom. These classes are for all levels of students.

Susan Smith is the new Tolowa Language program curriculum writer. Susan has a Master's in Education and has experience writing curriculum for various programs. She will be working with Kyle Hinshaw to develop units for instruction in all our classes. Susan has worked for the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation for almost two years and is based at the XELP building. Welcome aboard, Suu-si.

## **Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Library:**

The library has calligraphy sets to check out with practice paper. Also, if there are any Tribal Citizens who would like to practice handwriting and penmanship, come to the library and check out one of our workbooks. We also have penmanship paper to use.

The library has two computers for Tribal Citizens to use. The Education Department purchased Udemy professional development online courses. Some of these online webinars are: Microsoft suite, Publisher, Google, report writing, Outlook, iPhone. Another professional development online program that was purchased is the Fred Pryor program. A few of the courses available are Human Resources, Communications, OSHA and workplace safety, Business Skills, Time Management, etc. Fred Pryor has over 2,000 courses.

Tribal Citizens may call the Education Center to schedule a period of time to practice skills or learn a program. If you are interested in participating in the online learning call Mattie Castellaw at 707-487-9255, ext. 1550, [mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com](mailto:mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com). Also, any Tribal Citizen, world-wide, may use the Education Department's login information to get access to both the Udemy and Pryor programs. Contact Mattie if you would like this information.

## **Education:**

Mattie Castellaw is the Education Department's new Data Technician. She has taken some college classes and has a lot of experience with data management. She has worked for the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation in a variety of positions in the past.

Mattie is extremely conscientious of her job responsibilities and knows a lot of the software packages that the Education Department uses. Welcome aboard Mattie!

I have been meeting with the Del Norte School District and the Brookings-Harbor School District to build partnerships and programs that benefit our Tribal Citizens. Connecting with our local school districts improves the communication process for the JOM (Johnson O'Malley) program and Title VI (Indian Education) program. The Education Department works with the school districts to inquire about the status of our young Citizens in regards to attendance, grades, special programs, etc.

One of the services that the Education Department provides is Special Education Advocacy. If any Tribal Citizen has a student with special needs and is on, or should be on, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and needs assistance in the development and/or monitoring the IEP, you may call me in the Education Department for assistance. If you live outside the service area but still would like help or assistance, please contact me. Please understand, I am not a special education teacher or administrator. However, in my 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator, I have dealt with many IEPs, forms, processes, school personnel, and families in regards to special education and 504.

If I may be of assistance, please contact me. Lenora Hall, 707-487-9255, ext. 1190 or [lenora.hall@tolowa.com](mailto:lenora.hall@tolowa.com)

## **2020 NECKLACE BIDS**

**Who:** All interested Tribal Citizens

**What:** Graduation necklaces

**Where:** Education Center

**When:** Bid closes April 30, 2020

**Why:** Each graduate receives a necklace at the annual graduation celebration at the Dee-ni' Night honor ceremony.

### **Needed:**

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates = 1 strand necklace = 15 each

12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates = 2 strand necklace = 15 each

College graduates = 3 strand necklace = 15 each

### **How:**

To submit a bid, you will need to write a simple proposal for the amount you would like to receive for making all the necklaces. They must be finished by August 16, 2020. A prototype of each necklace must be submitted by April 30, 2020 along with your bid.

The Education Committee will choose the winning bid by May 4, 2020 at the monthly committee meeting.

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Hello! My name is Mattie Castellaw** (Bommelyn). I'm excited to join the Education department team. I was born in Crescent City and raised at Nii~lii~chvn-dvn. I am 1 of 4 children. My parents are William and Diana Bommelyn, and grandparents James and Eunice Bommelyn.

I have four beautiful daughters; Jadelin, Allie, Baylie and Jamie. Some of our most favorite things to do are enjoy our beautiful Smith River, and spend as much time as we can there in the summertime.

Before coming back to TDN, I worked in the offices at Pelican Bay State Prison for 8 years and as secretary at the Del Norte Unified School District for the last 3.5 years. I enjoy working with students, especially helping our Native students achieve their goals. So please feel free to call and come in if I can help in any way!



**Hi, my name is Susan Smith** (Suu-si) and I am so excited to be working with the Education Department. There are so many wonderful things planned for the future that I get to be a part of. I am now working on writing a new curriculum for the language department along with a teacher's manual and workbook. This is very exciting and I look forward to the challenge that I have been given. I think that it is very important that the members of the Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation have access to a way to learn their Native language. With this project they will have that resource.

I am also the Education Coordinator for the Howonquet Early Learning Program so I am very involved with the Education Department. I have worked for the tribe for about 18 months, all the time working with Head Start. I hold a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Arturo Guerrero**

Major field of study:  
Master's in Business Administration, concentration in Accounting

School attending:  
Eastern Washington University

In my current job, I commute a total of three hours a day traveling from the south eastern side of the state to central Washington. Vegetated with orchards of apples and hops, the most pleasant thing about my travel is the different experiences of economic development in the area. Aside from the growing businesses, I also enjoy the beautiful sunrises, numerous ridges, the distant mountains and city skylines.

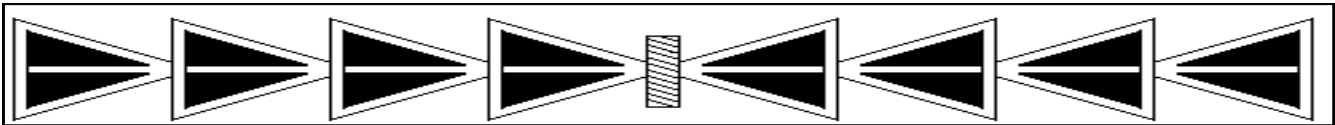
In the time that I commute, I use it to reflect a lot of my life. As my father's eldest son, I experienced a lot on my own, that at times even my parents or close friends couldn't relate or understand. Reinforcing the feeling that I was alone in this chapter of my life and lost in what choices to make. I feel this is something that we all as young adults experience,

and its nice to have that "Big Brother" or "Big Sister" to help provide some direction. Though not all are gifted with siblings, or even siblings that are around. In my case, my two half brothers were out of the house by the time I needed a mentor figure in my life.

Decisions in career paths, professional development, or any advice on "Adulting" is something I could've used. I can see where some youth may need some inspiration for them to pursue their dreams. Reinforcing the message that anything is possible, given the time and effort is provided by the individual. I feel that I can best support this by extending myself via email, video chat, or by phone to any youth searching for this kind of help. I am happy to be a mentor to a number of youth; periodically checking in, forwarding any tools or materials that I think they may find useful in order to provide some support that they can fall back on.

The following isn't a complete quantitative list, but are a few suggestions that I can see helping in:

- Mock Interviews
- How to dress for work
- How to speak – "AIDET"
- Email/phone etiquette
- Motivational speaking
- Resume and Cover Letter Building
- Etiquette in Quitting a job the right way
- Etiquette in Applying for jobs



## ANNUAL 2020 SPRING CLEAN UP

Clean up your yard & bring your trash to the Public Works & Facilities Yard located at 16450 Ocean View Drive, Smith River, CA 95567.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

NO LOADS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5:30 PM

(Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.)

**Thursday, April 23: 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, April 25: 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

- **Must have a Spring Clean-Up Ticket.**
  - \* One ticket per household was mailed out.
- **Must be Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation citizen & have your Tribal I.D.**
- **Must unload your own vehicle**
- **Limit 2 vehicle loads per residence**
  - \* For example: 1 pickup truck = 1 load, 1 trailer = 1 load
- **Limit of 4 tires per 1 load**
- **Limit of 2 furniture items per 1 load**
- **No hazardous waste**
  - \* For example no paint, asbestos, dead animals, needles, etc.
- **Empty refrigerators and freezers**

### **Must separate these 9 waste types from the general trash:**

- **Metal waste:** For example electronics without screens, appliances, etc.
- **Electronics with screens:** For example televisions, computer monitors, tablets, etc.
- **Propane Tanks:** Please empty the tanks before bringing them.
- **Batteries:** For example alkaline, rechargeable, carbon-zinc, etc.
- **Furniture:** For example couches, tables, chairs, beds, etc.
- **Tires**
- **Fluorescent light bulbs:** For example tube lamps and CFL's (compact fluorescents)
- **Motor oil, diesel, & gasoline**
- **Plant material:** For example brush, grass clippings, limbs, etc.

Contact: Elena Sisneros, Tribal Resource Specialist  
Natural Resources Department  
Office: (707) 487-9255, extension 1154, or  
Email: [elena.sisneros@tolowa.com](mailto:elena.sisneros@tolowa.com)

## SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is searching for Youth, and Supervisors, to join the Tolowa Summer Youth Employment Program.

Are you in college and seeking a summer position? Are you 15 –18 and looking to make some summer cash while learning new skills? Do you have leadership Skills? Then Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is seeking you to join our program as Supervisors.

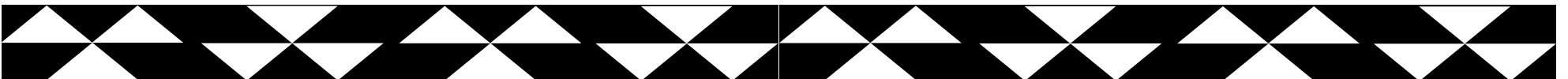
There will be Two (2) Internship Programs offered with the Tribe. One (1) position will be working with the Natural Resources Department and two (2) positions will be working at the Howonquet Head Start. Pick up an application to apply for the Internship Program or the Tolowa Summer Youth Employment Program.

TERO is always discussing employment opportunities. Temporary and permeant positons are available with the Tribe and in the Community.

Set up an appointment to meet and search for the right career.

For Job Descriptions and more information, please feel free to contact:

Zack Chapman at 707-487-9255 ext. 1165 or email [Zackary.chapman@tolowa.com](mailto:Zackary.chapman@tolowa.com)



# XAA-WAN'-K'WVT (HOWONQUET) ELDER NUTRITION CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Chicken Posole Soup	2 Chef's Salad	3 Breakfast
6 Veggie Burger	7 BBQ Chicken	8 Chili	9 Tuna Salad	10 Baked Ham
13 Chili Relleno Bake	14 Spaghetti	15 Beef Stew	16 Chicken Salad	17 Salisbury Steak
20 Pasta Salad	21 Beans w/Bacon	22 Kale Soup w/Italian Sausage	23 Hot Dog w/Bun	24 Chicken Enchilada
27 Veggie Chili	28 Hamburger w/Bun	29 Chicken & Rice Soup	30 Fish & Chips	

**\*\*\*\*Lunch by delivery only until further notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic. \*\*\*\***

**Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-0215 press option 3**

**Suggested donations:**

Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)

Under 55, \$7

**Dvn-chi' Num-nii~ma~s (April)**

**Maa~xush-ghalh Sri'-lhxvn (Birthday Happy) Dvn-chi' Num-nii~ma~s (April)**

Blair Anderson  
Frank Ault II  
Rhyann Baines  
Ashley Benson  
Sterling Bergman  
Guylish Bommelyn.  
James Bommelyn  
Tasheena Bray  
Annemarie Brundin  
Charlie Brundin  
Edie Brundin  
Denna Campbell  
Melody Campbell  
Tr'vlh-xee-li' Campbell  
Gentry Carpenter  
Tasheena Cole  
Jane Cook  
Vivian Craddick  
Angelina Daoheuang  
Kenai Davis-Bodenstab  
Betty Donoghue  
Shelby Eldredge  
Elizabeth Engelking  
Hannah Evanow  
David Fletcher IV  
Lathan Fouts  
Ava Frantz  
Lanche Frantz

Roxanne Fugate  
Fletcher Gardner  
Bo Gertsch  
Joseph Giovannetti  
Timothy Gochanour  
Seth Gorbet  
Darren Green  
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Brandon L. Hodges  
Nicholas Hodges  
Scarlett Hoiem  
Dale Hostler  
Scott Howell  
Hannah Husberg  
Lauren Isham  
Juliana Jarvis  
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Edward Jones  
Kamikwe Jones-Scott  
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Jayden Joy  
Travis J. Kahoalii  
Khloe Kasinger  
Wallace Keays  
Kari Kelly  
Alexis Kendrix  
Juliet Kessler

Cheyenne Laverty  
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Damien Lopez  
Edward Lopez III  
Felicity Lopez  
Heather Lopez  
Luetta Lopez  
Russell Lopez  
Payton Lunsford  
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Amelia Mahan  
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Daraxa Mattice  
Zayn Mattingly  
Michael Maynard Jr.  
April McKenzie  
Lori McMahan  
Brycen Mismash  
Terri Mitchell  
Sandra Moore  
Carlie Mouser  
Cari Nelson  
Clayton Netzel III  
Sandra Netzel  
Jerod Newton  
Aaron Norbury  
Claire Norwood  
Daylen Owen

Cara Owings  
Denise Padgett  
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Lorie Piazza  
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Ayla Richards  
Breanna Richards  
Dawn Richards  
Floyd Richards Jr.  
Kyriah Richards  
Lisa Richmond  
Tomas Richmond Jr.  
Melania Salcedo  
Harriet Sanders  
Josie Scaglione  
Chuski Scott  
Erin Scott  
Tahnee Scott  
Aleah Smith  
Mae Lenna Smith  
Nii-li Smith  
Ronald Smith  
David Soule  
Paul Stallard

Lukum Steinruck  
Timothy Thornton  
Ryan Timm  
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Neela Travis  
Jasmin Tripp  
Tannis Vickers  
Brandy Voegeli  
Levi Weber  
Kevin Weeks  
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Cecelia Wetherell  
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Brayden Wilson  
Aleena Wyland  
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# CH'EE-NVK-T'I (ANNOUNCEMENTS)



Is National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month



## Native American College Student Internships in California \*\*\* Summer 2020 \*\*\*



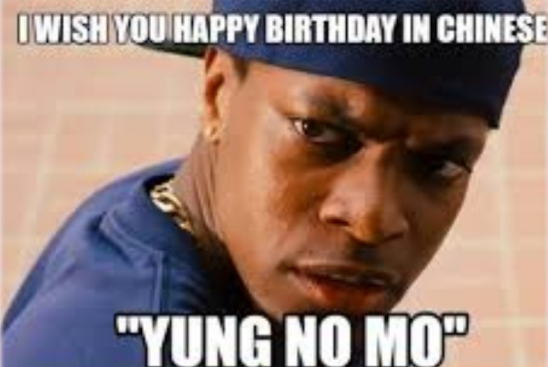
### Traditional Plant Restoration, Conservation, Land Management, and Leadership Development

- Design and/or further culturally important native plant restoration projects in coordination with Tribal, agency, and strategic partners
- Work closely and be exposed to various opportunities with the nation's largest and longest standing Native American agriculture organization
- Work with ongoing Tribal youth initiatives and Native-led projects
- Further develop public speaking, leadership, and professional skills

Contact: Keir Johnson-Reyes with Intertribal Agriculture Council at  
916-995-3209\* [keir@indianag.org](mailto:keir@indianag.org) \* [www.indianag.org](http://www.indianag.org)



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Have a great birthday  
**Sheen!**

From Dad, Julie, Shay, Wes-dog,  
Batty, Dallas, Jacob, Tubby, Tasia,  
Aiyanna, Len,  
and all the Buu-Sri's

Happy Easter



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# Easter

## SUNDAY BUFFET

at the House of Howonquet

**April 12th**  
**11am - 5pm**

*Reservations Recommended*

**\$28 per person**  
**\$14 Children 12 & Under**

*All You Can Eat!*

Prime Rib & Ham Carving Station,  
Baked Ranch Chicken, Fried Shrimp,  
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**Sunday: 3 Sliders & a Pint**  
**Monday: Flatbread Pizza & a Pint**  
**Tuesday: 4 Tacos & a Pint**  
**Wednesday: A Pound of Wings & a Pint**  
**Thursday: Burger, Fries, & a Pint**

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